their products, and to expose consumers to handloom products from different parts of the country, a number of handloom exhibitions are held at National and District Levels. For this purpose, financial supports is provided to the implementing agencies as recommended by the State Government towards infrastructure, publicity etc.

Under the Marketing Promotion Programme, the following events are organized at New Delhi every year by the Association of Corporations & Apex Societies of Handloom (ACASH), New Delhi and National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. Lucknow to promote the sale of handloom products and their popularities:—

1. National Handloom Expo (India Weaves)
2. Special Expo (Sarees of India)
3. Special Handloom Expo (Shawl Show)
4. Special Handloom Expo (Silk Fab)

Textile Parks in Tamil Nadu

1632. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Textile Parks in Tamil Nadu as vast potential is available in the State, for further development of textiles industry in many districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details of the Textiles Parks already set up in the State and the places where more such parks are proposed to be set up in the near future, alongwith the time-schedule; and

(c) the other steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government for further growth of export of textiles from Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S.ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Under the Apparel Park for Exports Scheme (APES), twelve (12) projects were sanctioned, which include two (2) Apparel Parks in Tamil Nadu at Tirupur and Irungattokottai (Kancheepuram).

Under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP), twenty six (26) projects have been sanctioned, which include five (5) projects in

Tamil Nadu at Cuddalore, Perundurai, Palladam, Komarapalayam and Erode.

(c) After taking into consideration the suggestions of various stakeholders, appropriate action *inter alia* including duty rationalization, augmenting availability of raw material, infrastructure development, human resources development etc., is taken for increasing the competitiveness of the domestic textile industry including those in Tamil Nadu.

Establishment of Yarn Depots

1633. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish 'Yarn Depots' for supply of yarn to handloom weavers in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of yarn depots that were proposed to be set up, State-wise, under the scheme during 2006-07; and

(d) what is the current status with regard to setting up of 'Yarn Depots' as on 31st October, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) In order to facilitate regular supply of yarn to the weavers in handloom sector, as on 31st October, 2006, 273 new Yarn Depots have been established throughout the country in 2006-07 against the sanctioned target of 230 new yarn depots, in addition to the existing 110 yarn depots. State-wise list of 273 New Yarn Depots as well as existing 110 yarn depot given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 209 Annexure No. 1]

Courses in Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology

1634. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology in the country:

(b) the details of courses conducted in each Institute; and